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**Torrance Wives, Mothers Invited to Enter Homemaking Competition**

Wives and mothers from Torrance will once again be entering competition with other entrants from all over the state in search of California's foremost homemaker. This announcement was made today in revealing plans for the running of the 20th annual "Mrs. America Contest" saluting the nation's busiest "career" women. To be eligible for competition in the contest, it was announced that local homemakers must be married and 21 years of age or over. All entrants will be competing for the "Mrs. California" crown as well as the coveted role as Mrs. America and thousands of dollars in prizes included with both titles. Application blanks for aspiring contestants can be obtained at the local gas company office. From the total field of applications returned to the gas company before March 15,

top local homemakers will be selected to compete in regional finals. Regional winners will then travel to the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel for a three-day, April 7, 8 and 9, state contest to name a "Mrs. California." Gas company officials pointed out that the contest is not a bathing beauty competition, but a test of all-round homemaking skills. While personality, personal appearance and community and family activities will be part of the judging, they stated that major emphasis will be placed on important homemaking tasks such as cooking, sewing and table setting. The winner of the state contest will be taken to Fort Lauderdale, Florida with her husband, where she will compete in the national "Mrs. America" finals early in May.

**Bloodmobile Donor Drive Over the Top**

The American National Red Cross Bloodmobile stationed at the Civic Auditorium, Thursday again went "over the top" in the drive for blood donors. 260 pints were received, stated Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Branch of Red Cross. 290 people registered for the drive. Chandler Sand & Gravel

Company brought in 25 donors and 19 donors came in from the BMW Manufacturing company which has now established their group account. Other groups are Elks Lodge No. 1948, National Association of Letter Carriers, Longren Aircraft Company, Inglewood Farms, Paul's Chevrolet, Felker Manufacturing Company, to name but a few. Approximately 25 other groups also attended. Assisting the Torrance volunteers were boys from Explorer Boy Scout Troop 728 X, Kenneth Smith, Pat and Mike Derouin, Don Baker, Kenneth Neal, Larry Hendrickson, and

Dennis Albright. Assisting Mrs. Jones were co-chairman Mrs. R. L. Orsini and Mesdames William Cochran, David McMillan, Walt Sharon, Don Hamilton, Wm. Dekin, John Muhleck, D. Robinson. Canteen chairman Mrs. Tom Hayton was assisted by Mesdames Walter West, Faye Marshall, M. D. Miller, T. T. Babbitt, Earl Miles. **WORDS THAT PAY:** Torrance Press Classified ads! To rent, sell, buy, hire, recover a lost article, dial FA 8-2345. USE CLASSIFIED!

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